--- **A**Series of 1880@ - CUSTOMS - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

John McKay records that 620,000 *lithographed* copies of **A**Not more than 1-20th, Blue, Cigarettes@ were **>**delivered**=** under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

In spite of their Lee Brandom designation, the blue **Type II** [the **A**Not more than 1/20th lb.@] was the first to be lithographed, and **Type I** [the plain rosette] was last - under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

There are only two types of the blue **A**1880 Customs@ strips. Probably in December 1880, when the **A**Inland Revenue Department@ assumed the responsibility of ordering and distributing **A**Customs@ stamps, it was too late to order the original **A**1880 Type I@ design in blue ink.

Type I [with a plain rosette] - the 1/10th pound Type I blue Customs stamps occur in both Division **A**Open@ and in Division **A**Specific@ format, and the 1/20th pound denomination comes only in Division **A**Open@ format.

RC-55 CP - 1/10th pound, Division **A**Open@ - [**A 59**], blue, control **075281**, perforated 12, lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

RC-67 - 1/10th pound, **A**Montreal@ Division - [**M 59**], blue, control **004846**, perforated 12, lithographed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper

RC-53a - 1/20th pound, Division **A**Open@ - [**A 60**], blue, control **012192**, perforated 12, a bottom copy lithographed on *block watermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper, appears to be *unwatermarked*, the strip has simply missed the sheet watermark

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--- [NOT MORE THAN 1-20th lb. - lithographed in Blue ink - **A**CUSTOMS - Cigarettes@] ---

Type II [with NOT MORE THAN 1/20th lb.] - the 1/20th pound Type II blue Customs stamps occur in both Division **A**Open@ and in Division **A**Specific@ formats.

RC-51 - Type II - 1/20th pound, Division **A**Open@ - [**A 61**], blue, control **059281**, perforated 12, lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

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--- ASeries of 1880@ - 1/10th Pound - control numbered BLUE strips (to date) ---

John McKay lists 389,100 *lithographed* copies of **A**1-10th, Blue, Cigarettes**@** as **>**delivered**=** under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). Apparently he as grouped the 1/10th pound Division **A**Open**@**, and Division **A**Specific**@**, Lee Brandom Type I blue Customs strips.

1/10th pound, Type I, blue, **A**Open**@** Division	**077097** - highest to date
1/10th pound, Type I, blue, **A**Montreal**@** Division	**168761** - highest to date
1/10th pound, Type I, blue, **A**Toronto**@** Division	**006094** - highest to date
Total	251,952 [out of 389,100]

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--- ASeries of 1880@ - 1/20th Pound - control numbered BLUE strips (to date) ---

John McKay records that 217,752 *lithographed* copies of **A1-20 Blue Ribbon Cigarettes@** and 620,000 *lithographed* copies of **ANot more than 1-20 Blue Cigarettes@** were **>**delivered**=** under the **3rd BABN Contract**. Apparently the former were the 1/20th pound Lee Brandom Type I, and the latter were the Brandom Type II Customs strips.

1/20th pound, Type I, blue, **A**Open**@** Division	**060001** - highest to date
	60,001 [out of 217,752]

1/20th pound, Type II, blue, Division Open	**086391** - highest to date
1/20th pound, Type II, blue, **A**Hamilton**@** Division	**082419** - highest to date
1/20th pound, Type II, blue, **A**Montreal**@** Division	**300503** - highest to date
1/20th pound, Type II, blue, **A**Toronto**@** Division	**100386** - highest to date
1/20th pound, Type II, blue, **A**Windsor**@** Division	**118934** - highest to date
Total	688,633 [out of 620,000]

It seems that John McKay has miscounted the 1/20th pound Type I, blue, Division **A**Open**@** Customs strips. Probably some of the 217,752 recorded as the **>**plain rosette**=** Type I, in the preceding listing, were actually from the **>**Not more than 1/20th lb.**=** Type II category.

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